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REVIEW DEPARTMENT

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In the Matter of)	Case No. 09-C-10672
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JEANNE MARIE ROWZEE,)	RECOMMENDATION ON
)	SUMMARY DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 141784.)	
_____)	

On September 27, 2012, the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on Jeanne Marie Rowzee's felony conviction. Rowzee filed no response to the State Bar's motion. We grant the request and recommend Rowzee be summarily disbarred.

On June 18, 2012, the Orange County Superior Court entered judgment of conviction following Rowzee's guilty plea to two felony counts of forgery (Pen. Code, § 470, subd. (a)) and one felony count of grand theft (Pen. Code, § 487, subd. (a)). Effective October 5, 2012, we placed Rowzee on interim suspension. On September 27, 2012, the State Bar transmitted evidence that Rowzee's conviction is final.

After the judgment of conviction becomes final, "the Supreme Court shall summarily disbar the attorney if the offense is a felony . . . and an element of the offense is the specific intent to deceive, defraud, steal, or make or suborn a false statement, or involved moral turpitude." (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (c).) The record of conviction establishes that Rowzee's conviction meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c).



Rowzee was convicted of felonies, which satisfies the first element of the summary disbarment provision. As for the second element, both offenses inherently involve moral turpitude. (*In re Basinger* (1988) 45 Cal.3d 1348, 1358 [grand theft necessarily involves moral turpitude]; *In re Prantil* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 227, 234 [forgery is a serious crime involving moral turpitude].)

When an attorney's conviction meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c), "the attorney is not entitled to a State Bar Court hearing to determine whether lesser discipline is called for." (*In re Paguirigan* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 1, 7.) Disbarment is mandatory. (*Id.* at p. 9.)

We therefore recommend that Jeanne Marie Rowzee, State Bar number 141784, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that she be ordered to comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20 and to perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's order. Finally, we recommend that the costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with section 6086.10 of the Business and Professions Code and that such costs be enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

REMKE

Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on November 28, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on November 28, 2012.



Paul Barona
Case Administrator
State Bar Court